

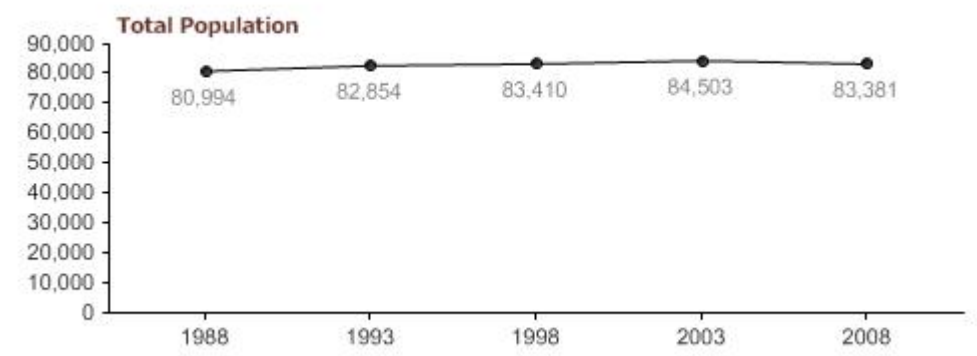
Howard County, IN Highlights

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Overview	Population	Education	Commuting	Labor Force	Industry	Income	Firm Size

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	80,994	82,854	83,410	84,503	83,381
Change Since 1988		1,860	2,416	3,509	2,387
Pct. Change Since 1988		2.3%	3.0%	4.3%	2.9%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008	
	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-600
International Migration	44
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	251
Births	1,120
Deaths	869

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Population Estimates by Age in 2007

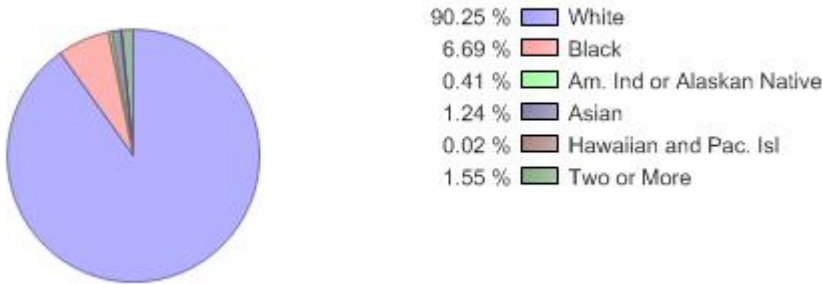
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	5,563	6.7%
School Age	15,039	18.0%
College Age	5,853	7.0%
Young Adult	21,991	26.3%
Older Adult	23,038	27.5%
Older (65 plus)	12,292	14.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	339	0.4%
Asian Alone	1,039	1.2%
Black Alone	5,592	6.7%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	19	0.0%
White Alone	75,492	90.2%
Two or More Race Groups	1,295	1.5%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	82,110	98.2%
Hispanic or Latino	1,666	2.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

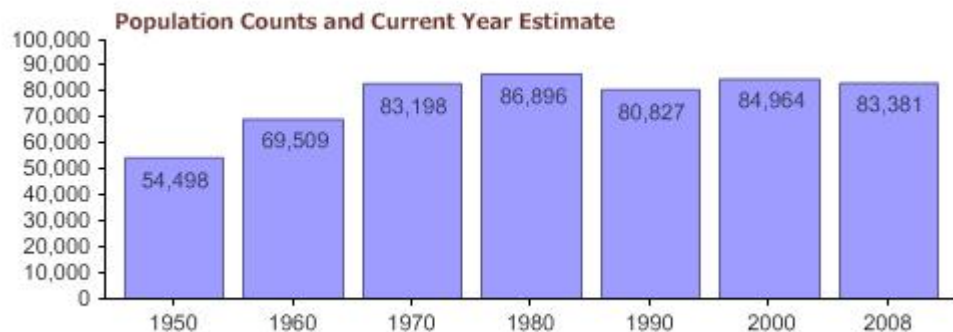
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	34,800	100.0%
Family Households	23,572	67.7%
Married with Children	7,553	21.7%
Married without Children	10,791	31.0%
Single Parents	3,327	9.6%
Other	1,901	5.5%
Non-family Households	11,228	32.3%
Living Alone	9,827	28.2%
Average Household Size	2.44	
Average Family Household Size	3.60	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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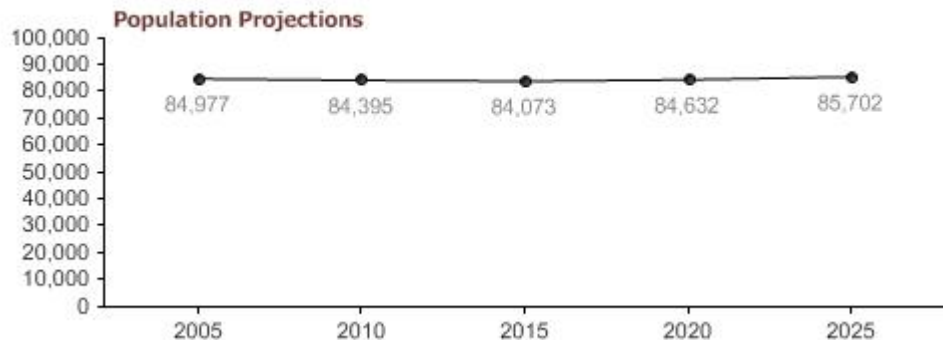
		Chg.	
1950	54,498	NA	NA
1960	69,509	15,011	27.5%
1970	83,198	13,689	19.7%
1980	86,896	3,698	4.4%
1990	80,827	-6,069	-7.0%
April 2000	84,964	4,137	5.1%
2008	83,381	-1,583	-1.9%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	84,977	84,395	84,073	84,632	85,702
Change Since 2005		-582	-904	-345	725
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.7%	-1.1%	-0.4%	0.9%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center